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Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Val Cooper, et al.  
Criminal Docket No. 21-208

Dear Judge DeArcy Hall:

Pursuant to the Court's request at today's status conference, the government respectfully submits this letter on behalf of the government and defendants Val Cooper and Garri Smith<sup>1</sup> to update the Court on the status of the case. The government has been producing discovery and it is close to completing the production of discoverable materials currently in its possession. The parties are also engaging in plea negotiations. Given the volume of discovery the government has produced and the continuing plea negotiations, the

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<sup>1</sup> The government has not heard from counsel for the remaining defendant, Alex Levin, regarding this letter. The government understands that counsel may be observing the Yom Kippur holiday. During today's status conference, counsel for defendant Levin concurred in the request for an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next status conference.

parties have agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next status conference on December 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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